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Applicant:

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE 1-(FLUORO- OR TRIFLUOROMETHYL-SUBSTITUTED

PHENYL) ETHYLAMINE AND PROCESS FOR PURIFYING

SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please re-number the incorrectly numbered claims as follows:

Claim 21 (second occurrence) re-number as claim 22,

claim 22 re-number as claim 23, and

claim 23 re-number as claim 24.

## REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is submitted in order to correct the numbering of the claims. Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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